GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLING FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale smuggling of foreign made silk yarn narcotics. Ganja, Opium and even arms from the neighbouring countries like Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified the gangs and people involved in smuggling activities; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to arrest the people involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): No large scale smuggling of foreign made silk yarn, narcotics, Ganja, Opium and arms is taking place from the neighbouring countries like Nepal and Bangladesh. However, all field formations of the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods from neighbouring countries into India. Action is being taken against the persons involved in the smuggling activities by way of imposition of penalty and launching of prosecution in deserving cases under the Customs Act, 1962.